

Alexandria Gazette.

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 21, 1896.

PORTUGUESE IN AFRICA.

Their Power and Influence Have Completely Passed Away.

The first to come were the men of Portugal, then in the fresh spring-time of its power. Bartholomew Diaz discovered the Cape of Storms, as he called it, in 1486, and after Vasco da Gama, in 1497-8, had traced the southeast coast as far as Sofala, a little to the south of the modern port of Beira, the Portuguese established settlements at that place and farther to the north of it, and thence carried on a considerable trade with the natives, chiefly in gold brought down from the mines of Mashonaland. However, the unhealthiness of the flat country which lies between the coast and the interior plateau checked their projects of exploration and conquest. Individual traders, and sometimes missionaries also, penetrated far into the interior, and articles which the Portuguese must have brought to Africa, such as fragments of Indian and Chinese pottery, and even, in one or two instances, small cannon, have been found many hundreds of miles from the seaboard. But, on the whole, the Portuguese exerted little influence on the country and its inhabitants.

The white population remained very small, and it became degraded by intermarriage with the Kaffirs, for in Africa, as well as in Brazil, the Portuguese have shown little of that contempt for the native blacks and aversion to a mixing of their blood with the latter, which have been so generally characteristic of the Dutch and the English. During the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the colonizing force of Portugal declined with the decline of her European power.

She made no further efforts to explore, and even abandoned some of her stations on the Zambezi. She remained, however, undisturbed in her possessions till a few years ago, when a question arose between her and Great Britain regarding the right to Delagoa bay, a port the value of which, as the only deep water harbor fit for large vessels along the whole stretch of the southeast coast south of Beira, was now generally perceived. President MacMahon, to whom as arbitrator the controversy was referred, decided in favor of Portugal. Subsequently Germany appeared as a formidable neighbor on the north, while boundary disputes arose with the British settlers who in 1890 had occupied the inland country to the west.

Thus the Portuguese frontier, which had been very uncertain, has now become defined. It includes a vast area, but in that area the number of white men, or even of semi-civilized half breeds, is so small that, although some titful efforts have been made by the Mozambique company, little or no progress in occupying or improving the country can be recorded. Portugal sends no emigrants to Africa. Her government, now hard pressed for money, cannot find the sums needed to develop her African territories, nor is there private capital in Portugal to supplement the weakness of the government. The Beira railway and the Delagoa Bay railway—of which more have both been built by foreign companies. Practically, Portugal may be looked on as an extinct force in South Africa.—James Bryce, M. P., in Century.

The Great Cocker.

Glancing through a pile of ancient copy books and letter writers, one dimly realizes what an awful thing it used to be to compose and put upon paper a thoroughly correct epistle. It was not an affair to be lightly taken in hand any more than matrimony. No, not even if one had learned penmanship from the immortal Cocker himself in his house in "Paul's Churchyard, betwixt the Signes of the Sugar-Loaf and the Naked Boy and Shears."

Cocker's fame rests on his arithmetic, now obsolete, but the worthy man, besides being a ready reckoner, was also a mighty penman. Doubtless many a seventeenth century youth toiled along with ink fingers under his direction. Hearken to what the master says to him: "Let not your breast lie on the desk you write on, nor your nose on the paper, but sit in as majestic a posture as you can. With practice you may do brave things."—Good Words.

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THE PATIENT CAMEL.

An English Correspondent Who Does Not Take Much Stock in the Beast.

The camel, he it at once said, is an overrated beast. There is a great deal of him, but he is not for his size nearly so strong as the useful, unpretentious donkey. Then, too, his anatomy is so strangely conceived. His legs are attached to his great unwieldy carcass with seemingly so little consideration for the uses to which, merely viewed as legs, he might be expected to put them. And his neck and tail are so obviously disproportionate to the rest of him, and both so useless, that one cannot avoid the thought that the camel is somehow incomplete, or, owing to some mistake, was never finished off at all.

Even the qualities he possesses tend to strengthen one in this bewildering suspicion. For instance, he can kick himself violently in the—let us say the front of the back with his foreleg. He does it constantly. Time and again have I devoted long hours—fruitlessly, I must admit—to an attempt to win the confidence of my favorite camel—my favorite because he is less cruel to me than the others. I have wooed him with the soft notes of my kourbash; I have tempted him with the thorniest of mimosa branches; I have puffed tobacco smoke in his supercilious nostrils—and then, just as I have fancied I saw the light of sympathy dawning in his long lashed eye he has risen all of one movement to his feet, grinned at me in a frightful manner, disclosing a forest of green and broken teeth and gazing at me full with more vindictive contempt than I have ever marked in any human eye; has kicked himself violently in the stomach and lain down again, as if he would say, "Now, go away and don't bother, like a good boy."

Then he can gnaw his own tail—his absurd useless little rag of a tail, that isn't even worth biting. But is that an object worth living for? Or, again, he has, to be sure, seven stomachs, of which, vain beast, he is so inordinately proud—as though he had anything to do with it—that he is constantly fetching up one of them to show you and blows it out from his great, ugly throat in a horrid, glittering, transparent bulb for you to admire. A more nauseating practice could hardly be conceived, but the low brute will do it. One accomplishment, indeed, I can give him credit for. He can flick a fly from the top of his head with his hind toe. Now, this in the age we live in might, were he a luckier beast and the rest of his bulk conducive, have served him in good stead. But, as things are, I fear he will make nothing of it. His shape is fatally against him, and he will never become fashionable as a step dancer.

But, with all his faults, defects and disabilities, the camel has, so far as this country is concerned, not yet been superseded by any more practical invention, and, despite the fact that his temper is bad, his appetite vast and sordid, his capacity for prolonged existence without water—a giddy fiction—his carrying capabilities meagre and his locomotive powers exasperatingly meagre, yet he is all we have, and on him we must largely depend throughout this Dongola expedition. Dr. Conan Doyle, who is one of our party, believes, after a week or so of acquaintance with him, that he has discovered in his riding camel great delicacy of sentiment and much dignity of demeanor. But then Dr. Conan Doyle is a man of so wide a charity that he actually believes in and even admires—well, no, I will not say who it is. Let every one guess for himself. But if that person, why not the camel? Why not, indeed? Perhaps I may have some day something pleasant to say about my camels. Time must decide. Is it a long lived beast, I wonder?—Sudan Cor. London News.

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What He Meant. He had proposed and been rejected. "Very well," he said coldly, "there will come a time when your treatment of me will be regretted." "I shall never regret it," she replied. "Oh, I don't mean you," he murmured hoarsely. "I refer to the man you finally accept."—Philadelphia North American.

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